

RUFUS L. HARVEY.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 858.]

JUNE 23, 1860.

Mr. C. D. MARTIN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Rufus L. Harvey, report:

That they have carefully examined the proof in the case and find that the petitioner enlisted in the regular army of the war of 1812 with Great Britain, in Captain Thomas Pitt's company of light artillery. That he served for eighteen months, from the 13th day of August, 1812, to the 13th day of February, 1814, when he was honorably discharged. The petitioner was quartered under the command of General Wilkinson, at Sackett's Harbor, during the summer months, where he was severely afflicted with a fever for several weeks. In October he went with the expedition down the St. Lawrence, into Canada; but not being reinforced, as was expected, by General Hampton, the expedition went into winter quarters near St. Regis. Here they were exposed to the greatest hardships and privations, compelled to lie on the frozen ground, with meagre supplies of provisions scarcely fit to eat. In consequence of these exposures the petitioner contracted a disease of a spinal character, producing weakness and distress, and from which he is now utterly prostrate and has for a long time been unable to perform physical labor. Your committee are unanimously of opinion that this is an exceedingly meritorious case; the injury and disease producing the disability having been incurred in the service of the government and in the line of his duty. Application was made to the proper office for a pension under existing laws, which was refused on the ground that the affidavit of a commissioned officer to the material facts was not produced; or the impracticability of its production shown by proof of death or removal. The evidence establishing the facts is abundant, and the committee deem it a case worthy of special relief. They therefore report a bill for a pension at the rate of \$8 per month.

